

I am sending this
form letter because
I think it cogently
and clearly
expresses my
thoughts on this
vital issue of
national interest.

I'm outraged that a
company such as
Sinclair
Broadcasting can
force its member
stations to air what
is clearly a
partisan 90 minute
unpaid political
attack ad. They are
not being fair and
impartial. They are
not giving equal
time for an
equivalent opinion
from the other side.

They are forcing
their affiliates to
show this program.

The charges
against Senator
Kerry in Vietnam
have been shown to
be baseless and
without merit. This
program is clearly
being shown because
of the election
which is coming up
in about three
weeks. The media
are supposed to
serve the public
interest, but this
situation seems to
show Sinclair
Broadcasting serving
its own corporate
interest on behalf
of the Republican
party. If they were
being fair, they
would also show
a program highly
critical of the Bush
administration, for
90 minutes, such as
"control room" or
"fahrenheit (sp?)
911".

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry

documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.